

SENATE BILL 2756

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,  
relative to misconduct involving public officials.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 16, Part 4, is amended by adding the following new section:

(a) A public official commits an offense who intentionally makes a statement or distributes information to the public concerning public health, when the official knows or reasonably should know that the statement or information is false.

(b) A violation of this section is a Class E felony.

(c) As used in this section, "public official" means a person who has been elected to a position in local, state, or federal government.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.